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Revival scheduled for Ulsoor Lake where silt has been accumulating for over 25 years crippling storage capacity, groundwater table

LAKE VIEW, BLURRED

Rs 20 crore earmarked to rejuvenate waterbody

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The heavily silted and polluted Ulsoor Lake in the central business district area is all set to get a facelift.

The lake department of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has earmarked Rs 20 crore to rejuvenate the waterbody and has submitted an action plan for approval. Once approved, the lake will be desilted, revived, and beautified.

According to BBMP officials, the silt has accumulated in the lake over the last 25 years and this has crippled its storage capacity and impacted the groundwater table. The project, subject to approval, entails desilting, bund formation, fencing, and water quality improvement.

"We recently conducted a bathymetric survey and the results showed the lake is hardly two metres deep at most points, with few areas slightly deeper. This is because it was de-silted more than two decades ago. Lack of proper maintenance has also led to bund collapse and damage to fencing.

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"Unless lakes upstream are treated and rejuvenated, this effort will be akin to money down the drain

— Nagesh Aras, city-based lake activist

HSRP only on 52 lakh vehicles, accounting for just 25%

75% of 1.48 crore vehicles in state yet to adopt HSRP

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The adoption of High Security Registration Plates (HSRP) is gradually gaining traction in the state. Initially, the deadlines for installing HSRP were extended twice. The first deadline, initially set for November 17, 2023, saw only 30,000 vehicles registered with HSRP.

Consequently, the deadline was extended to February 17. However, even after this extension, only 18 lakh vehicles had obtained HSRP. Following this, the deadline was further extended to May 31.

An official said: "The transport department had announced plans to penalise vehicles without HSRP, leading to a slow uptake of the system. Currently, 52 lakh vehicles in the state have adopted HSRP. Over the past two months, 34 lakh vehicles have acquired HSRP, constituting only 25% of vehicles in compliance. This indicates that 75% of vehicles are yet to adopt HSRP, given the total of 1.48 crore vehicles in the state."

Despite the extended deadlines, many vehicle owners delaying HSRP implementation are under the belief that further extensions might be granted. However, officials

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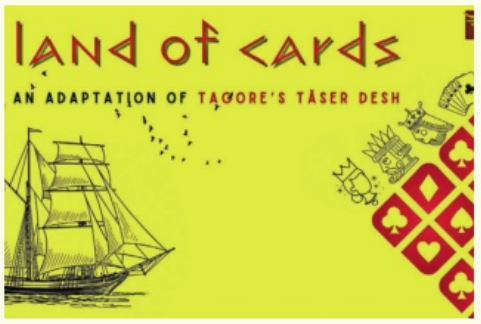
3 THINGS TO DO

01 Fantasy and satire



Watch the play "Land of Cards," an English-language adaptation of Tasher Desh by Rabindranath Tagore. The musical play evocative of fantasy is a call to freedom and a full realisation of what it means to be alive to our feelings, thoughts, and human desires. With a story that's timeless and relevant, it is brought to stage with originally composed live music and movement by a very entertaining ensemble. Open to ages 8 and above.
Where: Shoonya, Centre for Art and Somatic Practices
When: May 4, 3:30 pm and 7 pm

02 World of wine

Welcome to the World of Wines! Explore the very place where our wines begin their journey from grape to glass at 'Rico Vineyards,' India's leading producer of wines. Indulge in an exclusive, all-access tour of the winery, followed by a wine tasting session. Unwind with a glass or two at the tasting room overlooking the vineyards with panoramic views.
Where: Rico Park, Singanayakanahalli
When: April 30 to May 31

03 K-pop dance workshop

Get ready to unleash your inner K-pop idol, make memories, and dance your heart out at this K-pop dance workshop. Join in for an electrifying dance session where you`ll groove to the beats of your favourite K-pop hits. Whether you're an aspiring dancer or simply a K-pop enthusiast, this workshop is your ticket to learning iconic choreography and experiencing the thrill of performing like your favourite stars.

Where: Small World, Koramangala
When: May 4 to 18

TIMES OF THIRST

Schools resort to 'water bells' for rehydration

Step towards prioritising student health, tackle challenges posed by sweltering heat

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As the summer holidays unfold for many educational institutions, certain schools affiliated with the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) are continuing classes until the end of April. This extension poses a significant challenge for both schools and students: coping with the intense heat. To address this issue, schools have implemented a new measure known as water bells.

Explaining the rationale behind this initiative, a school principal stressed the critical issue of dehydration, particularly among school students who may not always be attentive to their hydration needs during regular school hours. "With soaring temperatures and the risk of dehydration, rehydration becomes imperative for maintaining student health and well-being. Therefore, the introduction of water bells serves as a structured reminder for students to drink water regularly.

The concept of water bells involves designated times during the school day when students are required to pause and drink water. This simple yet effective practice not only encourages hydration but also contributes to replenishing the body's essential fluids lost due to perspiration and high temperatures. By incorporating water breaks into the daily routine, schools aim to promote a healthy and comfortable learning environment, ensuring that students remain adequately hydrated even during the scorching summer days. "The water bells are a step to prioritise student health and tackle the challenges posed by the sweltering summer heat," said another school principal.

Watermelons are selling like hot cakes in city as mercury keeps rising

"With soaring temperatures and the risk of dehydration, rehydration becomes imperative for maintaining student health and well-being –School principal

Meanwhile, Bengaluru has remained entirely dry during this pre-monsoon season. A report by private weather forecaster Skymet said, "The dry spell actually began much earlier, as the city experienced drought conditions during the winter months of January and February. There were only brief, fleeting showers in the first week of January, followed by a prolonged dry spell. Water scarcity issues are expected to persist, with little hope for any significant rainfall even in April. Recently, the pre-monsoon Peninsular India trough showed signs of activation. However, Bengaluru has remained without rain up to now. Both Bengaluru rural and urban areas have recorded a rainfall deficiency of 99 per cent."

The Skymet report said that the anticyclone on either side of the Peninsular coastline has pushed the seasonal trough far westward from its usual position. As a result, most weather activity is concentrated in Kerala, coastal Karnataka, north Karnataka, and Madhya Maharashtra. Bengaluru, Mysuru, Mandya, Hassan, Chamarajanagar, and Tumakuru are grappling with challenging weather conditions. The prolonged absence of rain has led to a buildup of heat, with temperatures rising above average levels. The heat is expected to intensify further, with temperatures possibly reaching the high 30s by the weekend. April is typically hotter than May, and the city is currently experiencing peak heat. However, there should be a noticeable easing of temperatures after the first week of May.

Meanwhile, a weather update from Namma Karnataka on platform X said, "The ongoing intense summer in our city has now reached its highest level. We anticipate an improvement in the situation in the next 10 to 12 days. Currently, our daytime temperatures range from 36 to 38°C. Certain weather models suggest the possibility of convergence starting over south-interior Karnataka by early May. We are hopeful that temperatures will decrease to a more manageable range of 34 to 35°C, and we might also receive some rainfall."

Scorching heat takes a toll on birds, animals

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Bengaluru's rising temperatures have not only affected humans; they have taken a toll on even animals and birds. The number of dehydration cases among birds has increased due to the scorching heat and limited water sources. With temperatures soaring, birds struggle to find enough water to stay hydrated, especially when natural water sources dry up or become scarce.

According to People for Animals (PfA), in March alone, over 88.2 per cent of birds, 5.9 per cent of reptiles and mammals who were dehydrated were rescued. In April, 201 out of 450 wildlife rescues were due to dehydration. During periods of dehydration, birds may become weaker, making it difficult for them to forage for food and compete for resources. Additionally, it compromises their ability to regulate body temperature, which can further exacerbate their condition, especially during heatwaves.

Colonel Dr Nawaz Sharif, chief veterinarian at PfA, said, "With temperatures often reaching high levels and humidity dropping, birds lose moisture rapidly through evaporation from their skin and respiratory systems. This increased water loss can lead to dehydration, which manifests through symptoms such as lethargy, sunken eyes, and loss of appetite."

Mohan, the BBMP wildlife warden, said, "We are getting calls from residents of Banaswadi, Jayanagar, Hebbal, Jeevanbhimanagar, and Indiranagar that monkeys are getting into their houses or apartment complexes, opening taps, and drinking water. Some have even reported monkeys opening refrigerators, taking all the drinks stored in them, and running away. By the time we reached, monkeys had fled away. Rescuing them needs official approval from the Forest Department. For the rescue of birds with dehydration, we are getting about three to four calls daily."

Dehydrated brahminy kite rescued

Dr Sharif also stated that they come across cases where monkeys are falling off trees due to dehydration. "The rescuers are carrying glucose water with honey and homoeopathic drugs that could reduce the stress for the animal as their heart rates would be high. They are then taken to the hospital, given IV fluids, and tested. The test results show that the cause is dehydration. Most of the cases after the treatment have been successful. None of them have died," he added. Speaking about measures to mitigate dehydration for animals, he said that PfA is distributing clay pots to people to keep them near houses or shops filled with water. "It is important for birds to take a bath in the water to keep their body temperature cool; otherwise, they might die."

Thieves, vandals run riot at powerless KG Layout

Electricity substation yet to be charged so, miscreants either damage or steal equipment; plot owners brace for further delays

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Missing or damaged electrical equipment is a common sight at the KG Layout

Despite repeated assurances, deadlines and visits of Karnataka Legislative Assembly Petition Committee, and Deputy Chief Minister and officials concerned including BDA Commissioner, the developmental works at Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout are progressing at a snail's pace. The delay in starting off one of the four electricity substations is causing a huge loss to the contractors who had installed electrical equipment at the layout.

With the delay in energising the electrical equipment, vandals and thieves are having a field day at the layout without any hassles. Most of the electrical equipment worth lakhs of rupees is either damaged or stolen from the layout.

"It took me a lot of time to convince the BDA engineer to get electricity to my house which is under construction. I am not happy with the basic amenities available at this layout. There is no electricity at some blocks of the layout," said Gajanana S Bhat, who bought a site at Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout.

Many people who bought sites at the layout are not able to begin the construction of their dream homes due to lack of basic amenities including electricity supply. They said the theft of electrical equipment would delay the completion of electrical works at the layout. If the vandals and thieves continue either to damage or steal the electrical equipment, the contractors are going to incur a huge loss as they have to replace the equipment.

> **"The situation is so dire that contractors are forced to remove electrical materials installed here. As equipment is not energised, it is easy for thieves to lay their hands on it**

"The situation is so dire that contractors are forced to remove electrical materials installed across the layout. With no energisation of the electrical equipment, it has become easy for thieves to lay their hands on it. The authorities must complete the construction of the electricity substation at Kommabhatta without any delay," said NPKL Open Forum general secretary M Ashok.

The site allottees said that it would be difficult for them to commence the construction of their homes in the absence of electricity. They blamed the BDA for not honoring its commitment in completing the ongoing developmental works at the layout on time. They said that the delay in completing the electrical cable works and construction of electricity sub-stations has compelled many site allottees to postpone the construction of their homes.

BDA assistant executive engineer Vasanth said that the inspection of electrical cables would be completed by next week. "All of us were on election duty for more than one month. We will take up inspection of electrical cables in a few days," the assistant executive engineer said.

He said the construction of the electricity substation at Kommaghatta will be completed in a few days. "We will energise the electrical equipment installed at the layout shortly," he said.

Blaming the Bengaluru Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) for delaying in giving administrative approval, the assistant executive engineer said the BDA paid Rs 59 crore to the Bescom 18 months ago and wrote four letters seeking administrative approval but in vain. "We cannot energise the electrical equipment at the layout without availing administrative approval from the Bescom," he said.

Bescom Chief General Manager (Operations) was not available for comment.

Watch where you park: Traffic police begin crackdown

The Bengaluru City Traffic Police, South Division, commenced a special drive starting Monday to address the issue of vehicles being carelessly parked on footpaths and in designated no-parking zones. Targeting 75 roads within the jurisdiction of 12 police stations in the south division, this initiative aims to tackle the persistent problem of unlawful parking.

Following numerous complaints during the Janaspandana programme, particularly regarding roadside parking, the decision was made to conduct this trial drive, including towing vehicles. Police stations in areas like Adugodi, Madiwala, Mico Layout, and others have been instructed to enforce traffic regulations rigorously.

This step comes as a response to the escalating traffic congestion caused by parking woes, along the Outer Ring Road. **BMB**

5 engineering students from B'luru drown at Mekedatu

Five students of an engineering college, including three women, drowned at the confluence of the Cauvery river at Mekedatu in Kanakapura Taluk of the district, police said on Monday.

The deceased were among 12 students who had come here from Bengaluru, Satanur police said. When they were swimming, they were caught in a whirlpool and drowned.

The deceased have been identified as Harshita (20), Abhishek (20), Tejas (21), Varsha (20) and Neha (19).

The remaining seven students fled after their friends drowned. **PTI**

No checks, Sarakki Nagar residents report rise in crime

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Residents of Sarakki Nagar in JP Nagar have brought to the attention of authorities the absence of surveillance cameras in the area, frequent cases of chain snatching and reckless driving that are contributing to the feeling of fear, particularly during night time.

Residents say they have noticed a dip in night patrolling in recent months. They also claim that the area is seeing a rise in petty crimes. "Some of the areas like the 14th Main Road are scary at night. Despite repeated complaints that there are no street lights or cameras, nothing has been done so far. Recently, there was a bicycle theft in my area. The victims came to my house to check CCTV footage to submit to the police. Later, I found out that the police hadn't taken the complaint seriously, so the victim had to take help from local rowdies to recover the bicycle," said Ravikala, a resident of Sarakki.

Rajgopal from JP Nagar Resident Welfare Association said they have no idea about the cameras procured under Nirbhaya fund are functioning or not. "The Nirbhaya fund cameras are positioned at main junctions and not in the inner streets. So the authorities are leaving it to chance that if something happens, the accused would cross through the main road. The previously installed cameras are not working anymore. When the Nirbhaya fund cameras were being installed the authorities didn't consult the residents and we didn't know about the positioning," he said.

He added that "there are barely any patrols", and most of the vehicles and police who are assigned for patrolling the area are on VIP duty or busy with some other work. "If everyone is on special duty then who is doing the real duty? You step out of the house at 2 am and you can't spot any policeman. It's been a month since I have seen a policeman," added Rajgopal.

Residents say that they have asked the police several times to have surprise checking points in the area for traffic and illegal activities but it has been ignored.

Apart from law and order problems, the residents also are struggling with increasing traffic violations.

Raghunandan of JP Nagar 2nd Phase said that traffic violations are high near areas like Central Mall and he often spots riders not wearing helmets.

"Cases of chain snatching and petty theft have become common. There is also an enormous increase in youth engaging in road rage and speeding. I often spot triple riding and people coming in the wrong direction, and still there is no action. Law and order police carrying on regular beats at night or in the morning, has become a rare sight," he said.

Addressing the monthly 'Janasamparka Sabha' on Sunday, Bengaluru Police Commissioner B Dayananda said that the police are planning to increase night patrolling and CCTV cameras across the city. The statement comes after several complaints of residents who claimed "police are not visible on the roads".

BM contacted JP Nagar police but they remained unresponsive.

Citizens spearhead rainwater harvesting in Nagarjuna Layout

Residents of Seegehalli lead charge in rainwater harvesting, digging pits to secure future supply

Rainwater harvesting pit being constructed near the roadside drain at Nagarjuna Layout

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The residents of Nagarjuna Layout near Seegehalli in the KR Puram Assembly constituency have decided to harvest rainwater on their own without waiting for the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

The residents have contributed money for digging rainwater harvesting pits around the two borewells. One borewell is dug up by Nagarjuna Layout; the other borewell is dug up by the BBMP to mitigate water woes at the layout. The residents did not have water problems till last March. With the depletion of groundwater around the borewells due to a rainfall deficit in monsoon, water yield in the borewells has come down.

"We have to depend on borewells for water as we do not have Cauvery water supply. The elected representatives have been assuring us of the supply of Cauvery water but we do not want rainwater to go to waste in the coming monsoon. We contacted a few lake activists who provided contact numbers of the diggers of rainwater harvesting pits," said Anandappa L, president of Nagarjuna Layout Site Owners and Residents Association.

The residents made arrangements for digging four rainwater harvesting pits on the roadside drains near the two borewells and one resident has spent money to have a rainwater harvesting pit near his house. It is said the residents spent Rs 50,000 on each of the rainwater harvesting pit.

"The residents have donated money for digging rainwater harvesting pits. Each pit is 20 ft deep and 3.5 ft wide. We availed permission from the BBMP engineer to dig rainwater harvesting pits in the roadside drains near the borewells," he said. Emphasizing the need for having more rainwater harvesting pits, Gajendran, vice president of Nagarjuna Layout Site Owners and Residents Association said that the rainwater harvesting pits dug up at the layout are expected to help increase the groundwater table.

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When contacted, Raghu, the leader of the team that dug up rainwater harvesting pits, said that the residents need not worry about water shortage during the next summer. "We ensured quality in our work. I am sure the groundwater table increases during the monsoon," he added.

Meanwhile, the BBMP assistant engineer said that the residents availed permission to dig rainwater harvesting pits. "Nagarjuna Layout is the only layout that sought permission for digging rainwater harvesting pits. I am very happy as there is no damage to the roadside drains due to digging of rainwater harvesting pits," the engineer said.

Neglected footpaths plague pedestrian safety

Citizens express dismay over deteriorating sidewalks & unattended drains near Baiyappanahalli metro station

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Residents of Kanakapura have raised their voices against what they perceive as a glaring example of bureaucratic apathy near the Baiyappanahalli metro station. The footpath, they lament, stands as a testament to this neglect, leaving them questioning the essence of "Brand Bengaluru" – a city where promises are abundant, but sidewalks are left to deteriorate.

The stretch from Baiyappanahalli metro station to RMZ Infinity, an area bustling with activity due to the presence of major IT parks, paints a grim picture of urban neglect, states the residents. Open drains, encroached vendors, dumped garbage, construction debris, and flowing drains converge, creating a hazardous path for pedestrians.

Kiran Kumar, a resident of Sobha Forest View apartment, expressed his frustration, stating, "Because of the footpath condition, we are forced to use public transport and autos, which just extort money. If the footpath stretch is in a walkable condition, I'm sure many would want to walk to the office from the metro station."

Adding to the residents' grievances, a cement roller was abandoned on the stretch, further obstructing pedestrian movement. Despite previous complaints regarding open drains, only one drain was attended to and closed last year, alleged the residents.

The deteriorating condition of the footpath

Furthermore, the persistent issue of neglected drains continues to plague the community. Another resident, requesting anonymity, highlighted the ongoing concern, stating, "The authorities' failure to address the open drain issue is not only negligent but also poses a significant risk to public health and safety. It's disheartening to witness such disregard for the well-being of the community. The deplorable state of footpaths and drainage systems not only inconveniences residents but also reflects poorly on the city's image."

Kumar added, "It is imperative for authorities to take swift action to rectify these longstanding issues, turning the tide on neglect and restoring faith in the promise of 'Brand Bengaluru.'

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Waterless roots
Banashankari

Concretisation around the roots of a tree in Banashankari 2nd Stage cuts off water supply that is vital to ensure the trees' survival.

Encroached pavement
Doddabidarakallu

The encroachment of footpaths in Channanayakanapalya is creating a nuisance to pedestrians and motorists.

Banners everywhere
Kamakya

A flex banner on Kamakya Main Road reveals the chasm between the public and political figures when it comes to enforcement of rules.

3 years and still waiting for dry waste collection centre

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Despite three years passing, Dry Waste Collection Centres (DWCC) in Konanakunte are still awaiting government land. The DWCCs suffer from poor funding from BBMP and opposition from residents.

These centres serve the crucial task of segregating mixed waste and identifying high-value plastic refuse for recycling. However, they are not operated efficiently, and there is insufficient government support provided. DWCCs operate under a tripartite agreement involving resource organisations, rag pickers, and BBMP.

A DWCC established in Konanakunte three years ago is yet to secure a government-owned parcel of land for its operations."We are currently operating from the DWCC facility in Konanakunte. Even after three years, we have yet to get any government-owned land. We are paying hefty rents, and there is resident opposition to operating the DWCC," said a DWCC operator.

Speaking to BM, the DWCC operator, on condition of anonymity, said they have been operating from private land and had to pay Rs 30,000 per month. "We have been paying Rs 30,000 per month as rental head for the operations. We have nearly 35 people working under the DWCC who are dependent on us," they added.

Additionally, the DWCC also alleged that Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has failed to pay the agreed amount for running tippers for the past three years. "We have not received any funds for the

DWCC established in Konankunte yet to secure govt-owned parcel of land for its operations due to residents' opposition

past three years. We are running four tippers and are completely bearing the transportation costs on our own. Ideally, BBMP is supposed to pay a fixed amount per auto tipper being run," they added.

DWCC operators alleged that government-owned land has been identified but is not being shifted. "We have been getting dry waste from Ward 194 and 195. We get around six tonnes of dry waste daily. We were told that we would be given government-owned land within three months of operation. A parcel of land has been found in Gottigere but we are not being shifted. This has been causing a lot of inconvenience. Even though we conduct all our segregation inside the facility, residents oppose the move," they added.

As per BBMP rules, if Palike does not provide vehicles for DWCCs, Palike would pay Rs 23,316 per month for each vehicle.

Aftermath: Cleaning up turns out marathon task

Citizens voice frustration as plastic bottles and wrappers clutter the streets post marathon; call upon organisers to prioritise waste management

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Plastic bottles were dumped across the marathon route

Nearly 30,000 people lined the streets in the heart of the city on Sunday morning to participate in the annual TCS 10K marathon. This congregation had some running for medals while others showed up for the greater cause.

However, this came at a cost.

Plastic bottles, food packets, discarded banners, candy bar wrappers - large amounts of rubbish, including single-use plastic items, were dumped along the route that the runners took, leaving many citizens irate.

A resident of Gangadhar Chetty Road told BM, "We stepped out on Sunday morning only to notice participants running with small plastic bottles and leaving them on the side of the road. By the time we came back, the roadside was covered with plastic water bottles and candy bar wrappers. These items were strewn all along the route taken by the participants."

Upon inquiring, volunteers present at the event told residents that the trash would be cleared soon after the event. However, it happened only by late evening, say citizens.

"We walked past some of the routes of the event in the afternoon and could see trash everywhere. There were more than 20 single-use plastic bottles under a rain tree on Gangadhar Chetty Road. People also littered the green buffer of Ulsoor Lake. All this was only somewhat cleared only by late evening on Sunday by pourakarmikas," Jayaprakash Satyamurthy, another resident.

Solid waste management experts say the priority while organising such events should be preventive steps to reduce litter. They opine that organisers should request the participants to follow simple guidelines. BYOC (Bring your own container) is something now regularly followed and many runners carry their bottles.

"The problem with the 500 ml bottles is not just single-use plastic but that many get discarded with water still in them, so a tragic waste of water too, unless this was collected for reuse even of watering plants. Having large bins placed at regular intervals and a specific distance after water stations with clear 'Do not litter' signs and announcements, is a good way to reduce trash on the route. Unfortunately, it seems that the branding opportunity for mineral water bottle sponsor companies takes precedence over any environmental or civic concerns. No runner would feel thrilled to get a great runtime but turn around to see the mess all around," said Odette Katrak, Co-founder of Beautiful Bharat, a citizen volunteer group.

Experts underline that this time, in addition to the usual issues of mineral bottle waste and litter, there were also balloons used. Though not banned, they harm the environment. They opine that such events need to be more environment-friendly.

"A member of India Ploggers' Army gathered six bags of trash from the 10-kilometre track on Sunday. It was disheartening to see so many water bottles with drinking water left inside. TCS 10K is one of the best events for runners in India, but they also have a wonderful opportunity to raise the bar. Such events should explore the option of big water cans and stainless steel tumblers. Bengaluru fortunately has many cutlery banks and we have executed many zero-waste gatherings. Organisers should also ensure trash generated at the event is handled responsibly," said G Nagaraj of the Indian Ploggers' Army.

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IN BRIEF

Self-use QR ticket machines set up at 2 metro stations

The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has introduced machines that provide QR paper tickets to commuters at two metro stations on the Purple Line – the MG Road station and Cubbon Park. A total of 14 machines have been installed at the two stations, helping commuters to buy their tickets in over a minute. The self-use machines produce paper tickets with the QR codes imprinted on them. The pilot project has been implemented with the objective of helping commuters avoid standing in long queues to obtain tickets for their metro travel, another measure at ensuring a hassle free journey.

The green-coloured kiosks installed only a few weeks ago are bi-lingual, serving commuters in Kannada and English. The BMRCL has also designated a staff to assist commuters with the new project. The project is expected to be useful in helping manage crowds at the stations, especially during times such as a cricket match, when there is an expectation of significant increase in the crowd experienced at a station.

Eight machines have been installed at the Cubbon Park station while six machines have been installed at the MG Road station. Metro officials have noted that the machines came in handy recently, when an IPL matches were held at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium located in the vicinity of the Cubbon Park station. At present, an average of 70-80 are making use of the service. The payment is required to be done through the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) mode.

A commuter who uses the QR code tickets available to be bought on WhatsApp said, "There are times when the battery of my phone is very low and the likelihood of it dying prior to my journey being completed is very high. During such instances, I can make use of the paper QR tickets, without the anxiety of my phone turning off midway. I also would not be required to stand in the long queues. It may be a minute initiative taken up by the BMRCL, however, it is going to have a positive impact." —BMB

CCTV cams to keep eye out for flyover debris dumpers

Ejipura flyover construction site turned dumping ground over the years, inconveniencing people

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File photo of garbage and debris dumped at halted flyover construction site

The stalled Ejipura flyover project has not only attracted ridicule and criticism, but it has also turned into a spot for garbage dumping. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) now plans on installing CCTV cameras to prevent debris dumping and catch the offenders.

Since being started in 2017, the project has made very little progress and has been nearly halted for many years. BBMP even changed the contractor handling the project due to their sheer inefficiency. But in the meantime, it has become a victim of garbage and debris dumping, leading to an eyesore and a growing health hazard. Ironically, the site has become a blackspot despite being in the middle of the road and being in a very populated area of Bengaluru.

Activists say that the BBMP needs to take action to stop debris dumping. "There is so much garbage dumped in the area. There is also a lot of dust flying around, inconveniencing motorists. When BBMP takes on a project, it should be completed; they chopped the trees, and there is no proper deadline even now. BBMP needs to fasten the work and fence the area. Palike officials should also find the defaulters and deter them from dumping," said Vinod Jacob, general manager at Namma Bengaluru Foundation.

BBMP officials say that they are fed up with the situation. "We cleared the debris once, but unauthorised dumping is taking place in the area. We need to barricade the street, but even the barricades are being shifted, and people are still polluting the area. The situation has turned out of control. Most of the dumping happens at midnight, and we are unable to catch the defaulters. We are planning to install CCTV cameras to catch the culprits," said a senior BBMP official.

> **Most of the dumping happens at midnight. We are planning to install CCTV cameras to catch the culprits**
> –Senior BBMP official

In 2023, the contract was re-awarded to Hyderabad-based contractor B Seenaiah & Company (Projects) Limited (BSCPL). However, despite this, any new civil works are yet to be seen. Previously, the contract was given to Simplex Infrastructure Limited and was cancelled in 2022 due to failure to meet deadlines.

The 2.5-kilometre flyover, stretching from the junction of Ejipura Main Road-Outer Ring Road to Kendriya Sadan Junction, is now expected to cost Rs 252 crore. Palike also needs an additional Rs 141.6 crore to complete the remaining portions of the flyover.

IN BRIEF

'Around 3,400 crore released to K'taka for drought management'

The Centre on Monday told the Supreme Court that around Rs 3,400 crore has been released to the Karnataka government for drought management in the state.

A bench of Justices BR Gavai and Sandeep Mehta was hearing a plea filed by the Karnataka government seeking a direction to the Centre to release financial assistance from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) to the state for drought management. "Some amount has already been released," the bench asked Attorney General R Venkataramani, who was appearing for the Centre.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal said Rs 3,450 crore has been released, but the state's request was for assistance of Rs 18,000 crore. He said an inspection was done by an inter-ministerial team, which sent a report to a sub-committee. Referring to a chart annexed in the state's petition, he said it relates to the claims made in accordance with the policy of the Centre. He said the amount sought for gratuitous relief to families whose livelihoods are seriously affected by drought was Rs 12,577 crore. "The problem is, according to us, this particular claim has not even been addressed, and this is part of the policy of the Government of India under the National Disaster Management Act. We are grateful for the amount which has been given," he said.

Venkataramani said whatever the inter-ministerial team recommended, the sub-committee has taken that into account.

—PTI

BM Trippin' Tales

Now, one must pay to enter Tannirbhavi beach!

Mangaluru's Tannirbhavi beach beach has become the country's 13th 'Blue Flag' beach thereby heralding a new era of tourism, drawing an increasing number of visitors to its shores. However, this development has been accompanied by the implementation of an entry fee, a move that has garnered mixed reactions from the local populace.

File photo of Tannirbhavi beach

The fee structure, which includes nominal charges for general admission, water sports activities, and photography services, has sparked debates among residents and tourists alike. The general admission is priced at Rs 20 for individuals above 13 years and Rs 10 for children aged 13 years and below. Photography services are available at Rs 1,000 for standard photo shoots and Rs 2,000 for drone photo shoots, allowing visitors to capture memorable moments against the backdrop of the beach's natural beauty. The beach also caters to the entertainment industry, with film shooting tariffs at Rs 5,000 for Tulu-language films and Rs 10,000 for other languages, and those who want to celebrate birthdays need to shell out Rs 500. "The beach's cleanliness and maintenance are commendable, and I don't mind paying a reasonable fee for enhanced facilities. However, the government should prioritise providing adequate amenities to ensure a comfortable and enjoyable experience for all visitors," said Vasundhara, a traveller from Bengaluru.

An official said that they have witnessed a surge in tourist arrivals, particularly on weekends, since the introduction of the entry fees. "The ongoing construction of the entrance gate as part of the Smart City project adds to the beach's appeal, promising a more attractive experience for visitors. Discussions within the district tourism development committee have focused on efficiently managing the Blue Flag beach. However, challenges have arisen due to the election code of conduct, which has temporarily halted the tender process for hiring staff to oversee fee collection and manage operations. Efforts are underway to address the concerns raised by local residents regarding the fee structure," he said.

The Blue Flag beach project, with an investment of Rs 7.56 crore, boasts state-of-the-art facilities such as waste treatment plants and a range of amenities conforming to Blue Flag standards. These include well-equipped toilets, changing rooms, eco-friendly pathways, first aid stations, surveillance infrastructure, and provisions for clean drinking water, all designed to enhance the beachgoer's experience.

While some members of the tourism community welcome the development and associated fee structure, others voice concerns about accessibility. "Until recently, locals enjoyed free access to the beach. While I understand the need for development and sustainability, I believe that the government should consider providing complimentary access to residents as part of their community engagement efforts," suggests Mohan, a local.

—Sridhar Vivan

Priyanka targets Modi, Shah over silence on sex scandal

'They keep watch on opposition leaders, but have no info on such persons?'

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Monday sought to target Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah on the alleged sex scandal and wondered how the accused -- Hassan JD(S) MP Prajwal Revanna -- was able to leave the country committing atrocities against women.

Addressing an election rally at Sedam town in this district, Vadra accused the prime minister of protecting those who committed atrocities against women.

"The person (Prajwal Revanna) who shared the stage with PM Modi and for whom Modi asked votes committed atrocities on thousands of women. I want to ask PM Modi and HM Amit Shah what they want to say about it," she asked.

Vadra said sometime back when she went to meet her daughter (overseas) for three days, Modi and Shah started saying that she had gone abroad.

"They get to know where I or opposition leaders have gone, but this kind of criminal, this type of demon leaves the country and they do not get to know this?" she said.

"How can we trust them? All the information goes to them, they keep a watch on all the leaders where they are going but someone who committed such a big crime and flees the country right under their nose, and they do not have information?" she asked.

The Karnataka government has constituted a Special Investigation Team to probe the alleged sex scandal involving the 33-year-old Prajwal, who is the grandson of JD(S) supremo and former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda.

All India Women Congress president Alka Lamba , Karnataka Women Congress President Pushpa Amarnath and others protest against Prajwal Revanna at the party office in Bengaluru on Monday

BJP, JD(S) try to distance themselves from scandal

TheJD(S) has decided to expel Prajwal Revanna, even as BJP sought to distance itself from the scandal.

Senior BJP leader and Leader of Opposition, R Ashoka stated in Bengaluru on Monday that "no one is above the law and all are equal before the law."

Karnataka BJP President BY Vijayendra on Monday said his party has nothing to do with the sexual abuse allegations against the NDA candidate, and said that the law will take its own course. Vijayendra accused the ruling Congress in the state of playing "dirty politics" by targeting the BJP on the issue.

Former Chief Minister and JD(S) state President, HD Kumaraswamy stated that those "who had committed crime will get suitable punishment. Let the probe reveal the truth. There is no question of pardoning the guilty."

Meanwhile, JD(S) MLA Sharana Gouda Kandakur wrote a letter to HD Deve Gowda on Monday demanded the suspension of his grandson as he had caused the party embarassment. **-IANS**

Police have also booked Prajwal and his father -- MLA and former minister H D Revanna -- for sexual harassment and criminal intimidation based on a complaint from a woman, who worked in their household. The FIR filed against Revanna and Prajwal had been referred to the SIT. Some explicit video clips allegedly involving Prajwal Revanna, the BJP-JD(S) alliance's candidate from Hassan which went to polls on Friday, had started making the rounds in Hassan in recent days.

According to information available with police, Prajwal had left the country (after the polling was over), the Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's office had said in a statement. **-PTI**

Film for voters stalled, says producer

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A Kannada movie producer on Monday complained to the Director General of Doordarshan, New Delhi against the officials of Doordarshan in Bengaluru for delaying the sponsored telecast of his movie Mathadaara Prabhugalu. The movie, he said, was aimed at creating awareness among the voters during the Lok Sabha elections.

"I bankrolled the film Mathadaara Prabhugalu to create awareness among the voters on the importance of exercising their franchise. The film coaxes all eligible persons to cast their votes without fail. It conveys a message to voters to strengthen democratic governance by casting their votes without being influenced by gifts and other facilities," said Anantharayappa H, producer and director.

The director-cum-producer said that he had applied to Doordarshan for a sponsored telecast of this film as there was a delay in releasing this film in a sufficient number of theaters due to the shortage of theaters. "With an objective to convey a message to people across the state, I applied to the Doordarshan to telecast the movie on April 7, 9 or 14 and 21. The Doordarshan officials should have appreciated the best message of the movie and made arrangements for the telecast. Unfortunately, they stopped the telecast stating that the Preview Committee has recommended not to telecast it due to the model code of conduct," he said. He said the Preview Committee members, instead of recognising the message the film intends to convey to society, focused on political parties and stopped the telecast of this film by submitting a report that is politically motivated and against the Constitution.

"I request you to facilitate a sponsored telecast of the film on May 5, 2024 (Sunday) between 2 pm and 4.30 pm on par with the movie The Kerala Story that was telecasted on April 5, 2024 on Doordarshan. I also demand you take action against Preview Committee members for delaying the telecast of the movie without a valid reason," he said.

Repolling held peacefully at 1 booth in Chamarajanagar

Repolling was held "peacefully" at a polling station in Indiganatha village of Hanur, which falls under Chamarajanagar Lok Sabha constituency in Karnataka on Monday, amid elaborate security arrangements, after a clash between groups on Friday resulted in damage to EVMs.

Polling began at 7 am and ended by 6 pm.

Karnataka Chief Electoral Officer Manoj Kumar Meena told PTI, "Repolling was good and it went peacefully. Almost 13.42 per cent votes have been cast."

The repolling was ordered by the Election Commission following reports that electronic voting machines were damaged at the polling booth in Indiganatha village in Chamarajanagara district on April 26 during a clash between two groups of people over whether to vote or not in the Lok Sabha elections.

According to the district administration, the villagers had earlier decided to boycott the polls, citing lack of adequate infrastructure development. However, after assurances and efforts by the local officials, polling began.

As per preliminary information, one of the groups wanted to vote while the other was keen to boycott, leading to clashes between them during which they damaged EVMs, and also indulged in stone-pelting, the officials said.

In a letter addressed to the Karnataka chief electoral officer, the EC had stated that based on the reports submitted by the returning officer and general observer for Chamrajnagar constituency, and after taking all material circumstances into account, it declared that polling held at polling station number 146 under the Hanur assembly constituency on Friday was void. **-PTI**

Elaborate security arrangements were made by the Chamarajanagar district administration for re-polling on Monday

Hima, Toor among top draws in IGP, Nayana vs Shalii rivalry expected

Rivalry between Uttar Pradesh's World U20 long jump silver medalist Shaili Singh and Kerala's Asian medallist Nayana James (pic) is expected to grab spotlight at the Indian Grand Prix 1 one-day event at Kanteerava Stadium here on Tuesday.

At the third edition of the Indian Open Jumps competition held recently in Bengaluru, the 28-year-old Nayana had produced a personal best of 6.67m to win the gold medal.

Shaili, eight years younger to Nayana, had to contend with second spot with a jump of 6.40m.

Star sprinter Hima Das will also return to action on Tuesday in Bengaluru after a disciplinary panel of the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) gave the green light to her following a hearing last month.

The 24-year-old Hima was last year provisionally suspended by the NADA for three whereabout failures in 12 months. Her name figured in the women's 200m race entry list for the IGP 1, prepared by the Athletics Federation of India.

Two time-Asian Games champion, Tajinderpal Singh Toor will also be seen in action, so also World Championships finalist javelin thrower Manu DP.

The IGP 1 will be conducted in nine disciplines in both men and women's sections. The events in both men and women's sections are 100m, 200m, 800m, 3000m steeplechase, high jump, long jump, triple jump, shot put and javelin throw.

The men's 100m has attracted as many as 31 entries. The majority of the sprinters are from Karnataka, while six from Odisha, including talented Prasad Bhoi, have confirmed their participation. Punjab sprinter Gurkirat Singh will also be seen in action.

Shankar Lal Swami and Bal Kishan are the two prominent long distance runners who will compete in the men's 3000m steeplechase.

Mohammed Afsal has also confirmed his entry in the men's 800m. Odisha's international sprinter Srabani Nanda will be one the attractions in the women's 100m and 200m events. **PTI**

Ola Cabs CEO Hemant Bakshi steps down, firm announces job cuts

Ride-hailing platform Ola Cabs CEO, Hemant Bakshi, has stepped down from his position, just four months after taking the job, the company said on Monday.

The company informed about the development in a letter to employees shared by Ola's founder Bhavish Aggarwal, and seen by IANS.

Bakshi stepped down from his role as CEO to pursue opportunities outside the company. In the letter, the founder also informed about the restructuring exercise which will be aimed at improving profitability and preparing the company for the next phase of growth.

As per sources, the restructuring process will impact at least 10 per cent of its workforce.

"We have made substantial investments in areas of AI & Technology which has led to significant cost advantages and we will continue to focus on these areas to ensure that we build cutting edge products and services across our business verticals," Aggarwal wrote. **–IANS**

Ulsoor Lake to get advanced aeration systems

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We are looking at the gabion system of bund formation to ensure that watershed area is not compromised," said a senior official from the lake department.

Officials told BM some funding has also been secured under the 15th finance commission grant.

Apart from the aforementioned rejuvenation activities, the lake will also get advanced aeration systems to improve water quality.

"There are four aerators already installed at Ulsoor Lake and the outcome has been encouraging. But for a lake as big as Ulsoor, anywhere around 10-15 aerators will be needed," said another official.

City-based lake experts say BBMP must devise a tailored action plan to rejuvenate Ulsoor Lake.

"We were involved in a survey of Ulsoor Lake with BBMP before covid-19 pandemic and realised that the lake receives major runoff from the northwest side, which includes two major drains carrying untreated sewage.

Unless these drains are intercepted before they reach the lake, rejuvenation will not be fruitful. The water has to be treated through an STP away from Ulsoor as constructing an STP on-site will eat up a lot of lake area," said Nagesh Aras, a city-based lake activist.

Lake activists underlined that piecemeal restoration activity, especially in the case of Bengaluru lakes that are interconnected, would not yield long-term benefits.

While BBMP might clean Ulsoor Lake by spending a sum of more than Rs 20 crore, the lake upstream may continue to discharge sewage, and more likely than not, the waterbody would return to its original polluted condition fairly soon.

Moreover, the civic agency should ensure that the waterbody does not receive effluents from Tannery Road through stormwater drains.

"Unless lakes upstream are treated and rejuvenated, this effort will be akin to money down the drain. One of the two SWDs discharging water into Ulsoor passes through Tannery Road and carries effluents from the tanning industry. This is the worst kind of effluent which has to be treated separately to ensure good water quality," added Aras.

A joint committee set up by the National Green Tribunal to study pollution in Ulsoor Lake directed BBMP to modernise its slaughterhouse at Tannery Road by installing an effluent treatment plant to achieve zero liquid discharge.

HSRP: 'Penalty for non-compliance planned from June 1'

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from the transport department have indicated that an extension is unlikely, and they plan to impose penalties from June 1 for non-compliant vehicles. These penalties range from Rs 500 to Rs 1,000.

Interestingly, a significant number of government vehicles are still without HSRP plates, despite the extended deadlines. Out of the 1.48 crore vehicles in the state, approximately 1 lakh are government-owned, with most still lacking HSRP.

One of the challenges contributing to the slow uptake of HSRP is the online registration process, which many individuals find uncomfortable. Consequently, numerous shops are now offering online HSRP application services on behalf of vehicle owners, albeit for a commission. This move aims to facilitate the process for those who are not accustomed to online procedures.

The transport department has made it mandatory for vehicles registered before April 1, 2019, to have High Security Registration Plates (HSRP). According to a transport department official, vehicle owners can order HSRPs through the unified web portal www.siam.in. This portal allows them to choose dealer locations for affixation and select convenient installation dates and times. The process of affixing HSRPs is entirely cashless, with fees payable online. Additionally, the state transport department has approved the option for affixation at the owner's residence or workplace.

The guidelines issued by the Transport Department stipulate that certain transactions at the Regional Transport Offices (RTOs), such as change of ownership, address modification, duplicate RC, insurance updates, fitness approvals, etc., cannot proceed without HSRP affixation in the state.

The department advises caution against counterfeit or look-alike HSRP plates, which lack unique laser codes and other security features like high visibility in low light due to retro-reflectivity.

HSRP is a security measure that includes embossed unique numbers, holograms, and other elements to enhance vehicle identification and security. This system became mandatory for all new vehicle registrations from April 1, 2019.

An official explained that HSRPs are crucial for vehicle security and recognition. These aluminum-made number plates are affixed onto vehicles using non-reusable snap-on locks and include identifiable features like a blue-colored chromium-based hologram of Ashoka Chakra and a unique laser-branded 10-digit permanent identification number (PIN). HSRPs are linked to specific vehicles, deterring theft and misuse.

The Central Motor Vehicles Rules (CMVR) Technical Standing Committee recommended amendments related to HSRPs in May 1999.

As a result, the Central Government implemented provisions for affixation of HSRP to enhance vehicle registration security and reduce crimes like theft and fraud. Officials claim that the HSRPs are designed with multiple security features to ensure they are tamper-proof and traceable.

As of December 14, 2023, over 13,45,10,172 HSRPs have been affixed on motor vehicles through Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs), dealers, and state government-approved HSRP manufacturers with type approval, as applicable.

The primary objective of installing HSRPs is to strengthen enforcement, enhance safety and security, without revenue generation for the government. While there are no restrictions on entities for manufacturing HSRPs, the supply for affixing HSRP is regulated under CMVR 1989.

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I, LOKESHA R G S/o Gangadharappa R G Residing at No.117, 9th Cross, Gangondanahalli Main Road, Near Siddhrtha School, Doddabidarakallu, Nagasandra Post, Bangalore-560073 have changed my name to LOKESH R G vide affidavit dated 17.04.2024 Sworn before notary: V. Anjanappa, Bangalore

I Tasmiya Sultana Syed D/o Syed Kalid Ahmed R/o #18, 5th Cross, Telecom Layout, S.S.Comforts Bengaluru 560023. Have changed my name to Tasmiya Sultana for all purposes Vide affidavit Dated 10/10/2023 advocate Bharati Patil Bengaluru.

WE M Senthil Kumar and S Vijayalakshmi Residing at 8, SK Lane, Chikkamavalli, Bengaluru-560004 Changed Our My Minor Son Name S V Yuvan Bala to S Yuvan Balaa Vide Affidavit Before B.K.R. Krishnamurthy, Bangalore.

I, Naga Surendranath Pasam R/o 106, Subhodaya Silver Springs, Double Road, Beml 5th Stage, Rajarajeswari Nagar, Bengaluru-560098 have changed my minor son's name from Naga Vivaan Rishi Pasam to Naga Vivaan Pasam.

I, Raman Kumar S/o Ashwani Kumar Sharma, R/o A1203, Confident Antilia 3, Sarjapur-Attibele Road, Sarjapura, Bengaluru Rural 562125 have changed my name to Raman Sharma affidavit Dt.29/04/2024 Notary Harisha G, Bengaluru

I Ikram Ullah S/o Abdul Lathif R/o No: 48, 1st Cross, Padarayanapura Bangalore 560026 have changed my name to Ikram Ulla For All Purposes

WE, Rayees Fatima And Hasham Ali Khan, R/at No 29, Mig Citb Colony, Opp Quba Masjid Udayagiri, Mysore-570019, Have Changed Our Minor Sons Name From Owais Ali Khan To Owaiz Ali Khan, For All Purposes

I, Sangeetha Rajesh Singh R/o Plot.141, Sy No.109/3, Utopia Lyt, Near Olde Bangalore resort, Tharabanahalli, Bengaluru 562157 have changed my name to Sangeeta Rajesh Singh Affidavit Dt.29/04/2024 notary Harisha G, B'luru

I Mohamed Ali Khan S/o Abdul Hameed Khan R/o old No :08 New No: 18 2nd Cross Vinayakanagar Old Guddadahalli Bangalore-560026 have chan -ged my name to Mohammed Ali Khan For All Purposes

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I, SHALINI DWIVEDI GARG D/o Devendra Nath Dwivedi R/o F905, 8th Floor, Ittina Akkala Apartment, Rajpalya Hoodi, Basavanna Nagar Bengaluru – 560048, have changed my name as SHALINI DWIVEDI, vide affidavit dated 29.04.2024, sworn before notary S. Subashini, Bengaluru.

I, MURALIDHARA RAO A Residing at No. 3838, Shanthi Nilaya, 1st Main Road, 4th & 5th Cross, Gayatrinagar Bengaluru - 560021, have changed my name to MURALIDHAR RAO A, vide affidavit dated 28/04 /2024 sworn before notary Venkataramu H G, Bangalore.

I, Sameena Khanum w/o Hafeez Ahmed r/o No 155, 2nd Cross, G K Naidu School Balaji Krupa Layout R K Hegde Nagar B'luru-560077, have Changed my name to Sameena Hafeez for all Purposes.

I Ibrahim Shabbir Patel R/o MP Manzil, 22/1, 2nd Flr, 2nd Cross,New Patloonpet Kalasip - alyam Police Station, B'lore-560002 have changed my minor son's name from Burhanuddin to Burhanuddin Ibrahim Patel

I, Kamalambal Venkatachalam R/o #1, 2nd Cross, Brundavana Layout, Electronic City, B'luru-560100 have Changed my name to Kamalamba Venkatachalam for all purposes.

I Abdul Khader S/o Abdul Salam R/o No: 346, B Block Manipal County Subhash Nagar Bangalore 560068 have changed my name to Abdul Khadar For All Purposes

I Fairoze Pasha S/o Ibrahim Baig R/o No 41/1, Khazi Street Basavanagudi Bangalore-560 004 have changed my name to Fairoz Pasha For All Purposes

I, Rubeni Rossline Ashok W/o Srinivas Gurugubelli R/o # 8, Muneshwara layout, Wind flower layout , Chikkanayak - anahalli Dinne, Bangalore 560035 have changed my name to Rubeni S for all purposes

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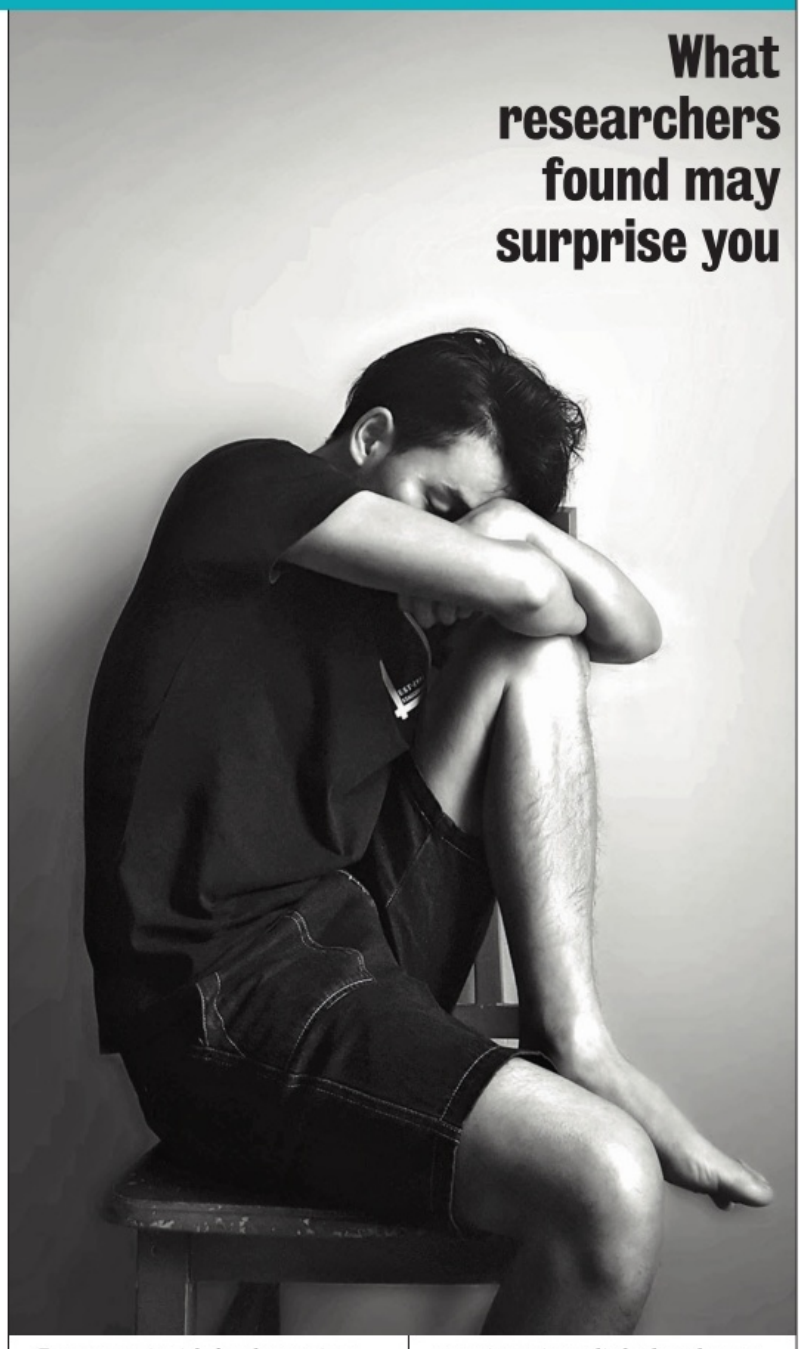
GENETIC CLUES TO DEPRESSION

What researchers found may surprise you



The core experiences of depression – changes in energy, activity, thinking and mood – have been described for more than 10,000 years. The word "depression" has been used for about 350 years.

Given this long history, it may surprise you that experts don't agree about what depression is, how to define it or what causes it.

But many experts do agree that depression is not one thing. It's a large family of illnesses with different causes and mechanisms. This makes choosing the best treatment for each person challenging.

Reactive vs endogenous depression

One strategy is to search for sub-types of depression and see whether they might do better with different kinds of treatments. One example is contrasting "reactive" depression with "endogenous" depression.

Reactive depression (also thought of as social or psychological depression) is presented as being triggered by exposure to stressful life events. These might be being assaulted or losing a loved one – an understandable reaction to an outside trigger.

Endogenous depression (also thought of as biological or genetic depression) is proposed to be caused by something inside, such as genes or brain chemistry.

Many people working clinically in mental health accept this sub-typing. You might have read about this online.

But we think this approach is way too simple.

While stressful life events and genes may, individually, contribute to causing depression, they also interact to increase the risk of someone developing depression. And evidence shows that there is a genetic component to being exposed to stressors. Some genes affect things such as personality. Some affect how we interact with our environments.

What we did and what we found

Our team set out to look at the role of genes and stressors to see if classifying depression as reactive or endogenous was valid.

In the Australian Genetics of Depression Study, people with depression answered surveys about exposure to stressful life events. We analysed DNA from their saliva samples to calculate their genetic risk for mental disorders.

Our question was simple. Does genetic risk for depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, ADHD, anxiety and neuroticism (a personality trait) influence people's reported exposure to stressful life events?

You may be wondering why we bothered calculating the genetic risk for mental disorders in people who already have depression. Every person has genetic variants linked to mental disorders. Some people have more, some less. Even people who already have depression might have a low genetic risk for it. These people may have developed their particular depression from some other constellation of causes.

We looked at the genetic risk of conditions other than depression for a couple of reasons. First, genetic variants linked to depression overlap with those linked to other mental disorders. Second, two people with depression may have completely different genetic variants. So we wanted to cast a wide net to look at a wider spectrum of genetic variants linked to mental disorders.

If reactive and endogenous depression sub-types are valid, we'd expect people with a lower genetic component to their depression (the reactive group) would report more stressful life events. And we'd expect those with a higher genetic component (the endogenous group) would report fewer stressful life events.

But after studying more than 14,000 people with depression we found the opposite.

We found people at higher genetic risk for depression, anxiety, ADHD or schizophrenia say they've been exposed to more stressors.

Assault with a weapon, sexual assault, accidents, legal and financial troubles, and childhood abuse and neglect, were all more common in people with a higher genetic risk of depression, anxiety, ADHD or schizophrenia.

These associations were not strongly influenced by people's age, sex or relationships with family. We didn't look at other factors that may influence these associations, such as socioeconomic status. We also relied on people's memory of past events, which may not be accurate.

How do genes play a role?

Genetic risk for mental disorders changes people's sensitivity to the environment.

Imagine two people, one with a high genetic risk for depression, one with a low risk. They both lose their jobs. The genetically vulnerable person experiences the job loss as a threat to their self-worth and social status. There is a sense of shame and despair. They can't bring themselves to look for another job for fear of losing it too. For the other, the job loss feels less about them and more about the company. These two people internalise the event differently and remember it differently.

Genetic risk for mental disorders also might make it more likely people find themselves in environments where bad things happen. For example, a higher genetic risk for depression might affect self-worth, making people more likely to get into dysfunctional relationships which then go badly.

What does our study mean for depression?

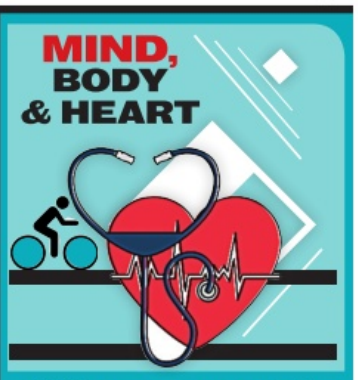
First, it confirms genes and environments are not independent. Genes influence the environments we end up in, and what then happens. Genes also influence how we react to those events.

Second, our study doesn't support a distinction between reactive and endogenous depression. Genes and environments have a complex interplay. Most cases of depression are a mix of genetics, biology and stressors.

Third, people with depression who appear to have a stronger genetic component to their depression report their lives are punctuated by more serious stressors.

So clinically, people with higher genetic vulnerability might benefit from learning specific techniques to manage their stress. This might help some people reduce their chance of developing depression in the first place. It might also help some people with depression reduce their ongoing exposure to stressors.

(By Jacob Crouse and Ian Hickie, University of Sydney, The Conversation)



All you need to know about...

Optimal health tips

4 hours active, 8 hours sleep

For optimal health, a person's ideal day should include more than four hours of physical activity involving exercise of light, moderate or vigourous intensity, and at least eight hours of sleep, new research has found.

Light or intense

Light-intensity activity could range from doing chores to making dinner, whereas moderate and vigourous exercise involve more intentional movement such as a brisk walk or a gym workout, researchers said. The ideal daily routine should also include six hours of sitting and five hours of standing, they said.

Right mix

The international team, led by Swinburne University of Technology, Australia, analysed the behaviour of more than 2,000 people within a 24-hour day to determine the right mix of time spent sitting, sleeping, standing and being physically active for desirable health.

"For different health markers, from waist circumference to fasting glucose, there would be different levels for each behaviour," added Christian Brakenridge, also the lead author of the study published in the journal Diabetologia. For instance, switching time spent sitting with more time being physically active or performing light-intensity movements was associated with more beneficial blood glucose levels in individuals having diabetes than those without the condition, the researchers found.

No replacement

The findings also acknowledged how a certain activity replacing another could impact an individual's whole day.

"Sleeping may be detrimental to health if it replaces exercise time, but beneficial if it replaces sedentary behaviour," explained Brakenridge. However, even as exercising is more beneficial, time use has to be realistic and balanced, he said. —PTI

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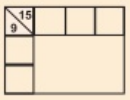
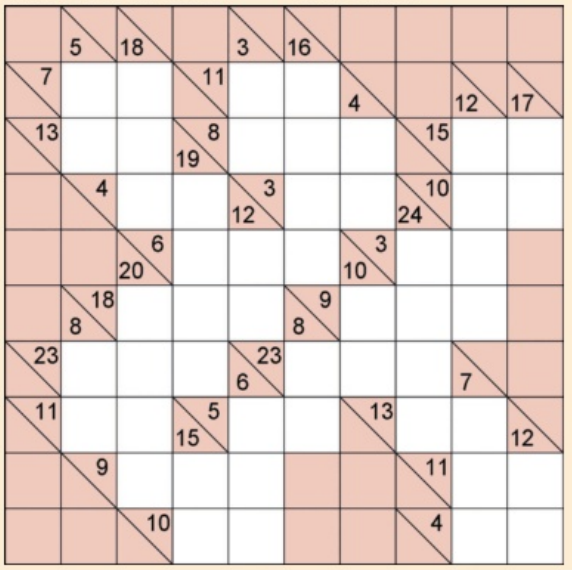


The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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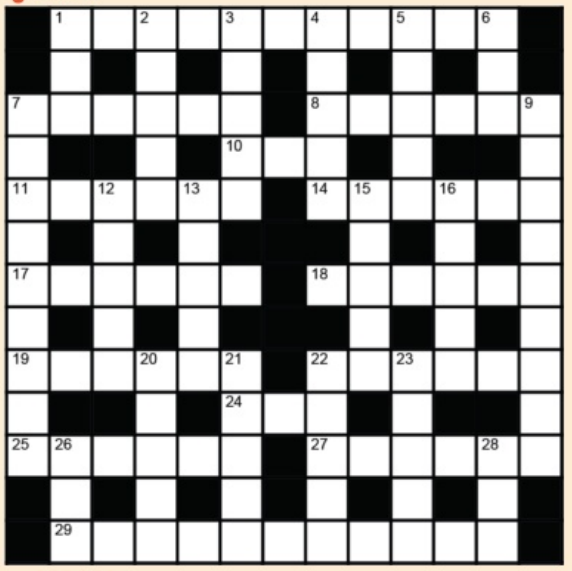


ACROSS

1 Capital of Papua New Guinea (4,7)
7 Smoked fish (6)
8 Lets in (6)
10 Uneven (3)
11 Justification (6)
14 Over there (6)
17 Conceit (6)
18 Quentin Tarantino's ___ Unchained (6)
19 Plies, ranks or rows; strata (6)
22 Plant part (6)
24 Untruth, fib (3)
25 Overlook or pass by (6)
27 Sibling's daughters (6)
29 Not yet put into words (11)

DOWN

1 Hawaiian food (3)
2 ___ in : persuades to take part? (5)
3 A person of very low I.Q. (5)
4 Prepared (5)
5 He's simple in rhyme (5)
6 Up to now (3)
7 Restaurant at the Taj Gateway hotel known for its seafood (9)
9 Encompasses (9)
12 Irk or pester (5)
13 External (5)
15 ___ d'art : an expensive buy? (5)
16 Jeans material (5)
20 Gallic school (5)
21 Nap or repose (5)
22 Meaning (5)
23 Helps a felon (5)
26 Wildebeest (3)
28 Come to an ___ : become exhausted, get over ? (3)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: V EQUALS T

AIIGU BAWNLD AW DLUG ADMLUVOIV VFOI BGOCVF. VFG DLUG RLK WMGIN AV, VFG DLUG RLK QOAI.

Linemaro

On a scale of 1 to 10, you are 9. I am the one you need

Mindchow

What's right is what is left when everything is wrong

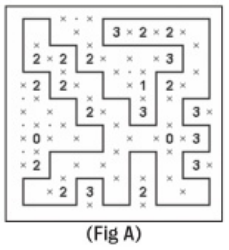
Joke of the day

No man goes before his time ... unless the boss leaves early

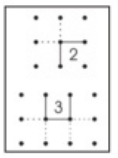
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

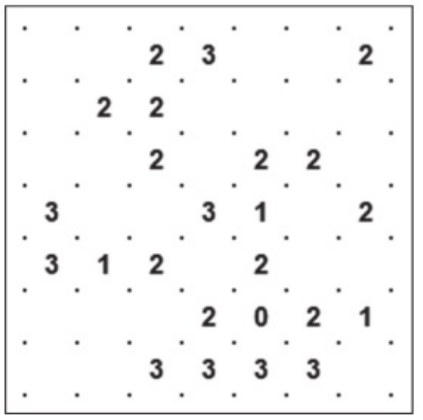


(Fig B) Not Allowed

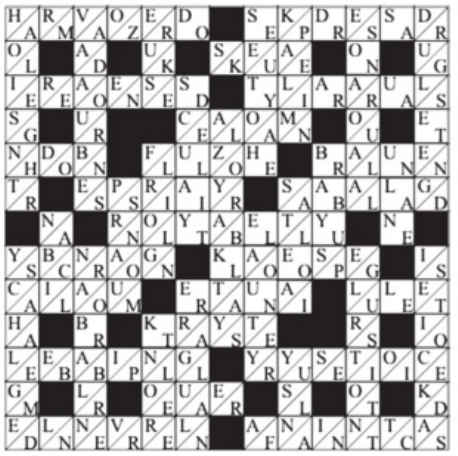
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



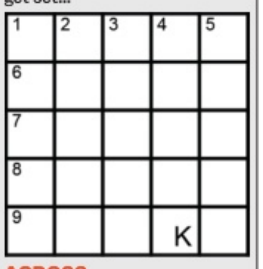
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

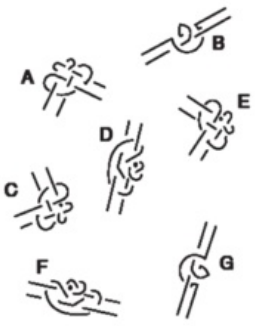
1 I carp; 6 A slop; 7 Lit up; 8 Inter; 9 Shook

DOWN

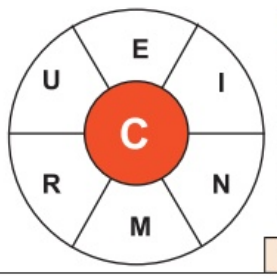
1 Touch; 2 Or pap; 3 Tario; 4 LP kin; 5 Less I

Mensapuzzle

Which is the odd one out?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

09 Average; **10** Good; **12** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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	9	7	5		2		6	
8			3					
6		3				9		1
					8			7
	3		2		1	8	4	
		4	7					2
	2				9		7	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 20
1 6 6 7

Medium = 9
2 6 7 8

Hard = 80
4 6 8 6

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

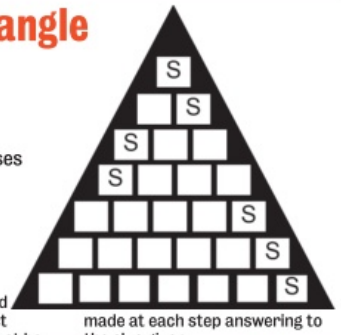
Differences: 1. Front railing is taller. 2. Woman's bangs are different. 3. Top of crib end is straight across. 4. Collar is missing. 5. Fish is reversed. 6. Tie is missing.

Riddler

What connects these four things?
Baby blow package speech

Alpha triangle

1 Curved letter
2 Less more
3 Pose
4 Location
5 Food regimens
6 Accounting minuses
7 Happens to



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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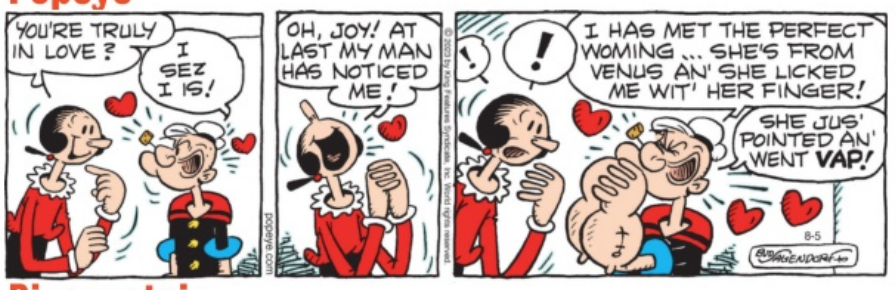
Popeye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I SEZ I IS!
OH, JOY! AT LAST MY MAN HAS NOTICED ME!
I HAS MET THE PERFECT WOMING ... SHE'S FROM VENUS AN' SHE LICKED ME WIT' HER FINGER!
SHE JUS' POINTED AN' WENT VAP!

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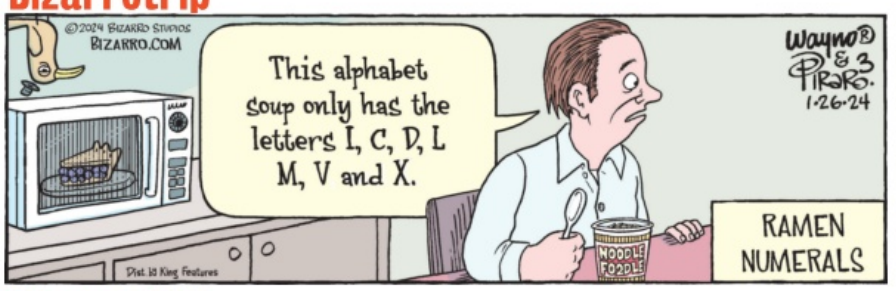
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I'M RANKING THE GIFTS SO I KNOW WHO LOVES ME THE MOST.
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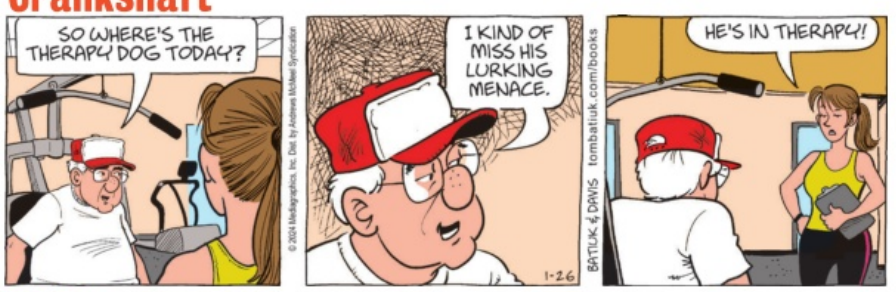

Mutts

EARL, I'M GOING TO SHTAY UP THIS TREE IN PROTESHT UNTIL PEOPLES SHTOP WEARING FUR!
CALL THE NEWSPAPERS! CALL PUBLIC RADIO! CALL THE NETWORKS! CALL TONY'S!
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WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may be in a hurry, so you are advised to drive safely. You are likely to be more romantic in your love life, which will increase harmony in your domestic life. You may expect some positive results in new partnerships. Lovebirds may enjoy their happy moments. Students may hear good news in terms of their academics.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, your subordinate staff may be cooperative, which may help you complete postponed projects. You are likely to join some social events, which may boost your network and help you in your work or social life. You may also plan to go on an outing with friends. Some disputes with friends may be settled now. Students are advised to avoid being careless.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, your communication skills may help you on a professional front. You may be more polite with everyone around you, which may help you speed up your projects. Lovebirds may be likely to exchange their views with each other, which strengthens their relationship.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon, and your energy level is likely to be high. A new partnership may give you benefits. Your hard work and enthusiasm may pay off in terms of financial gains. Self-respect may protect you from the negative people around you.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may feel dull and unhappy. You are advised to avoid having harsh conversations with friends and family members. You may be unable to get proper reciprocation for your hard work. You need to follow your intuition. It is advised to be patient while making important decisions.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, new sources of income are likely to be discovered. Your past investments may give you a good profit, which will boost your bank balance. You may want to connect with a social organisation, which will increase your network. Singles may find a soulmate in terms of marriage.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, blessings from elders may make you confident. You can follow your intuition before taking any initiatives that may help you at work, and it may help you gain more in terms of finance. You are likely to visit some religious place with your family members. You must control your arrogance to enjoy your domestic life.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may expect some instant gains in your business, which may boost your confidence level as well as your bank balance. There would be some momentum on the business and work fronts. Your prestige may be increased. You may also plan for an overseas trip. You are advised to avoid stress in domestic life.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, things will not be favourable, and you may feel dull and unhappy. You are likely to be attracted to the occult and may be upset by some unknown fear. You may feel a lack of confidence, which may affect your work. It is best to avoid rush driving and risky adventure tours.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon. Love would be in the air in terms of personal life. Singles may find a suitable match. You may do better in terms of your professional life, and your friends and subordinate staff may be more likely to support you.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may be able to make a balance between your earnings and expenses, which may boost your bank balance. You may likely perform better in your job. Your boss can give you new responsibilities in terms of promotions. You may get back your money, which was stuck earlier. You may be able to control your opponents and hidden enemies.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may feel dull due to sleeplessness, and you may plan to visit some religious place. You may be scattered towards your goals, which may affect your working efficiency. But in the late evening, you may be blessed by your elders; you may find out your mistakes and make a good plan for the coming day. You are advised to take care of your parent's health.

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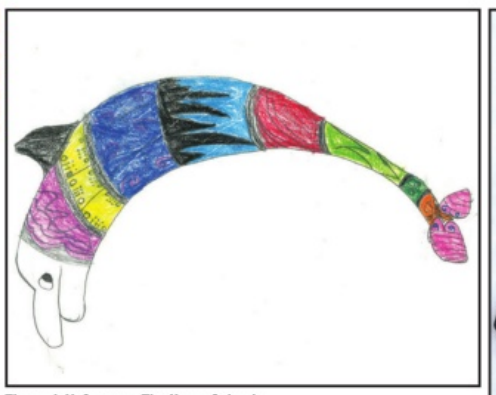

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RIDDLER
They are all things that are delivered.

BULL'S EYE
crime, cumin, cure, ecru, incur, mice, mince, nice, nicer, NUMERIC, rice, uric

FAST FIVE

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MENSA PUZZLE
A: B is the same as G; C is the same as E; D is the same as F.

QUOTE UNCODE
Inner wisdom is more important than wealth. The more you spend it, the more you gain.

SUDOKU

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1	2	8	6	4	9	3	7	5

ALPHA TRIANGLE
S, Is, Sit, Site, Diets, Debits, Betides.

GO FIGURE
Easy
6 + 6 + 7 + 1 = 20
Medium
2 + 6 – 7 + 8 = 9
Hard
6 + 8 x 6 – 4 = 80

LOOP

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Rechristened

KRG Studios has announced a new project with Dheeren Ramkumar on his birthday and put out a birthday wish. The details of the movie are not out yet, but Dheeren Ramkumar has been rechristened as Dheeren R Rajkumar in the movie.

Karthik Gowda and Yogi G Raj conveyed their wishes to Dheeren on social media.

Dheeren Ramkumar made his debut in Sandalwood with Kannada movie Shiva 143. The movie was a remake of Telugu movie RX 100. The Kannada version was directed by Anil Kumar and released in August 2022.

KRG is known for giving quality stories and its motto to encourage new talent continues with this movie announcement. Presently, KRG's most anticipated biggie 'Uttarakaanda' has entered the sets, while post-production work of 'Powder' is moving ahead at a rapid pace.

AI is here

Director Arun Amukta's movie Vidyarthi Vidyarthiniyare has been creating a sense of wonder among the audiences. The team of the movie has released a song titled 'Bad Boys' and it is claimed to be the country's first artificial intelligence-animated music video. It has generated a lot of curiosity.

The song, penned by director –cum-lyricist Chetan Kumar, was sung by Vijeth Kirshna, Keerthana Chandra, and Sunaina, while Vijeth Krishna has composed its music. Cinematographer Arun Suresh has shot the song. Manoj Vivian, Manasvi, Bhavana Appu, Amar and other have acted in the music video.

Music composer Chandan Shetty debuts as a hero in Sandalwood with this movie. It is bankrolled by Shivalinge Gowda while Srikant G Kashyap worked as an executive producer. Billed as a teen cult movie, it features Suneel Puranik, Aravind Raj, and Prashant Sambargi in pivotal roles and Kumar Gowda is the cinematographer.

The team of Vidyarthi Vidyarthiniyare said the post-production work of the movie is in progress and arrangements are being made to release it in June.

Movies that made her

Katrina about the films that were actually 'moments in her life'

Katrina Kaif recently worked with Sriram Raghavan on their first project together, the film 'Merry Christmas'. Even after being in Bollywood for over 21 years, the actress believes there's more to achieve. She's now focusing on collaborating with her favourite directors, winning Sriram Raghavan from her list. The movie, which also features Tamil actor Vijay Sethupathy, is an adaptation of Frédéric Dard's French novel 'Le Montecharge'.

Talking to Variety, Kaif said she was in love with the book. It was everything someone wanted in this space. It was tender and poetic, it had that very mysterious Hitchcockian quality to it. It had drama, it had mystery, it had murder, it had everything in the most unique and novel way.

Katrina Kaif also mentioned some movies that really mattered in her career: 'Namastey London', 'Welcome', 'Singh Is King', 'New York', 'Ajab Prem Ki Ghazab Kahani', 'Rajneeti', and 'Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara'. Katrina said that she wouldn't call them films, she would call them moments in her life. They were surrounded by an entire emotion, an entire feeling. It wasn't just playing a character and going home, it seeped into her life at that time, the film would become her entire life. That film, that crew, that moment, that environment would become her whole life. she'd be consumed and then the film would release and there would be a moment of emptiness and loss. And then someone would go on to the next one. These are all incredible moments for her as an actor, as a performer.

— ETimes

Time100: Dev Patel wants in on the action

Hosted by Taraji P Henson at Frederick P Rose Hall, the Time100 Gala dazzled with stars from various fields, celebrating this year's most influential figures, including actor Dev Patel, who expressed his eagerness to delve deeper into the action genre as a filmmaker.

Amidst the glamorous atmosphere, Patel honoured at the gala, confessed to feeling overwhelmed by the recognition.

"I have huge imposter syndrome, so I feel like I would be happy just holding some of the trays at the table, to be honest, I feel like somehow I've won the golden ticket 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' vibes," Patel told Variety.

Having recently experienced both acting in and directing the action-packed film 'Monkey Man,' Patel shared his aspirations to further explore the genre.

"I grew up watching Bruce Lee, Jet Li, Jackie Chan, Donnie Yen, and Sammo Hung -- kind of like a heavy diet of action movies," Patel revealed. He added, "So for me, especially when you look at Korean cinema and the way they've pushed that kind of revenge genre into something that feels really substantial and meaningful and cinematic and artful... I look up to those masters, and I would love to keep doing it if I'm lucky enough to."

The Time100 Gala also featured a captivating performance by Dua Lipa, a fellow member of the Time's class of 2024, Variety reported. —ANI

Red hot and recycled

Raveena Tandon is surely the epitome of grace and elegance, as she treated fans to beautiful pictures of herself wearing a saree made of sustainable, recyclable material.

Taking to Instagram, the actress, who was most recently seen in the legal drama film 'Patna Shuklla', shared a series of photos donning a plain red transparent saree.

Raveena opted for a matching halterneck blouse. For makeup, Raveena is all glammed up with nude pink glossy lips, kohl-rimmed eyes, and highlighted cheeks. She kept her hair tied in a clean bun. The actress opted for golden earrings and matching bangles. The post is captioned: "Red. In this blistering heatwave! #global warming is real folks. Wake up to it before it's too late. In a saree made of sustainable recyclable material by @vaishalisstudio."

n 'Patna Shuklla', Raveena plays the role of Tanvi Shukla. The film revolves around the uncommon journey of Tanvi, a common woman, who takes matters into her own hands when she sees a student entangled in a roll number scam, and soon realises that she is pitted against a Chief Minister candidate.

— ETimes